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Cocktails, 6:15; dinner, 7:00; discussion, 8:00 p.m. Reservations, please. (See story, this page.)

Wed., Feb. 18 — German Language Dinner, "Am Runden Tisch." Reception, 6:15 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Author Norbert Muhlen will moderate discussion, "Germany Today," at the third German language dinner.

Reservations now at OPC.

Thurs., Feb. 19 — Luncheon — Samuel C. Waugh, President, Export-Import Bank of Washington. 12:30 p.m.

Reservations, please. (See story, page 3.)

Tues., Feb. 24 - Dean Ackerman Night. Reception, 6:15 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Reservations, please. (See story, page 3.)

Wed., Feb. 25 - West Point Night. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, at \$4.00 per person, at OPC. One guest per member.

(See story, page 3.)

Wed., Mar. 11 — French Language Dinner. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:15 p.m., program following.

Guests and entertainment will be announced. Reservations now at OPC.

PITTERMANN AT OPC

Vice Chancellor Bruno Pittermann of Austria will be guest at an OPC Open House on Feb. 17. The Vice Chancellor will have talks in Washington with Pre-

sident Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Secretary of State Dulles and other officials prior to his visit to the OPC.

Pittermann was elected to the Austrian Parliament in 1945. In 1957 he was



PITTERMANN

elected chairman of the Austrian Socialist Party. Shortly thereafter he became Vice Chancellor of Austria.

OPC To Sponsor 3-Day College Editors Meet

OPC will undertake its first largescale educational project when it sponsors a Conference for Student Editors from 100 colleges and universities, to be held in the Clubhouse Mar. 13, 14 and 15.

The project is being arranged jointly with the U.S. Nat'l. Student Ass'n., which represents student government organizations on most American college campuses. Students attending will come from throughout the country.

Theme of the Conference will be "The Expanding Role of Communication in a Contracting World." It is hoped that the program will increase interest in and understanding of world events in

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Meyer Berger Dies

Meyer Berger, reporter and columnist for the *N.Y. Times*, died Feb. 8 of a stroke. He was 60 years old.

Berger was known for simple, warm, "human interest" stories about the

people of New York.

The N.Y.
Times wrote "we have all of us lost a warm, gentle and perceptive friend...
He understood human weakness, but could not exploit it. He understood the



BERGER

secret springs of odd strength in human character and was always happy to bring them to notice."

Berger had been a Times staffer since 1928 except for one year with the New Yorker magazine.

In 1950 he won a Pulitzer Prize for his stories on the killing of thirteen people in New Jersey by Howard Unruh, a crazed veteran. Berger sent the prize money of \$1,000 to Unruh's mother.

In 1941 Berger went to London as a foreign correspondent but stayed only two months because of his illness. At the end of the war he toured Europe and North Africa.

NEWSWEEK SHIFTS 4 FOREIGN STAFFERS

Newsweek's associate editor Jack Iams was appointed the London bureau chief in a series of recent changes in the magazine's foreign staff.

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Lionel Durand was promoted to Paris bureau chief. Bayard Stockton, *Newsweek*'s bureau chief in Bonn, has been reassigned to work out of London.

A fourth change was the assignment of Peter Webb, veteran foreign correspondent and former UPI chief in Bonn, to Newsweek's German bureau chief with offices in Berlin and Bonn.



WEBB

The changes are effective in March. Shifts already announced include the assignment of Arnaud de Borchgrave, senior editor, as chief correspondent in Europe working out of Paris. Eldon Griffiths, present chief European correspondent, will move to New York to become senior editor, International.

Iams is a veteran newspaperman who has worked on such papers as the London Daily Mail, the Paris Herald, the Pittsburgh Press and the N.Y.Daily News. He joined Newsweek in 1956 in the National Affairs department.

Durand joined the *Newsweek* Paris bureau in 1956. He had been on the French desk of the Voice of America and had served as foreign editor and New York and UN correspondent of Paris Presse.

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THE BOARD

At the meeting of the OPC Board of Governors on Jan. 14, the following actions were taken:

John Luter, Secretary, reported that Helen Alpert, who is forming an OPC chapter in Florida, had requested aid from the OPC in obtaining a guest speaker for an organizational luncheon to be held there in February. The Board recommended that a Club member be asked to assist Miss Alpert in this problem.

Bob Considine, Chairman of the Annual Awards Dinner Committee, reported that the Committee had tentatively scheduled the dinner for Sat., Mar. 28 in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Prices of tickets: \$10 for a member, \$15 for his first guest (wife or non-member), and \$30 for additional guests. The Board unanimously approved both the date and the price of tickets.

The Board also voted that an office in the 33 East 39th St. building be set aside for the use of the Dinner Committee, and that members be asked to donate any unwanted furniture to the Club.

The Board discussed the possibility of appointing a Committee to consider and revise the categories of the entire membership of the Club. The Board approved the motion that it opposes any plan that would down-grade any of the members of the Club.

Luter reported that the new committee appointed to revise the Constitution would endeavor to simplify the present Constitution and would also propose changes to eliminate conflicts in some of the clauses governing admissions.

Vice President John Wilhelm introduced to the Board Tad Szulc of the N.Y. Times, acting head of the OPC Rio chapter. Szulc reported on present activities of his chapter.

John Wilhelm, Treasurer, reported on Club operations for December. (See page 6.) The Treasurer's report was accepted.

It was reported that a Theater Ticket Agency would shortly be installing a direct line into the Club.

Will Yolen, Chairman of the 33 East 39th St. Building Committee, read the report of his Committee which the Board approved with thanks and gratitude to the Committee members for their work.

The Board also approved the suggestion of the Committee that a new committee be named to explore further problems in connection with the building. The new committee, it was agreed, should consider the suggestion from OPC Vice President Inez Robb that Club members, except those donating large amounts, might be asked to make their donations to the Club rather than the Correspondents Fund.

OVERSEAS TICKER



PARIS

The new French Information Minister. Roger Frey, gave firm assurance to foreign correspondents in Paris that they would be permitted to work freely and without harassment, in keeping with France's traditional freedom of the press.

Frey, successor to Jacques Soustelle, spoke at the first luncheon of the year of the Anglo-American Press Ass'n. presided over by David Schoenbrun, CBS bureau chief. The executive committee of the Association had called on Frey the previous week and established a cordial contact. Frey has promised to do everything possible to improve facilities for coverage, including those in the trouble spot of Algeria.

Prime Minister Michel Debre will speak at the group's second luncheon on Feb. 19, upon his return from Al-

Arthur Rosett, who started the Moroccan Courier several years ago, has just launched the Riviera Sun, Englishlanguage weekly for the Coast, with headquarters in Monte Carlo.

B. J. Cutler, N.Y. Herald Tribune, due back soon from home leave in the U.S.

Waverley Root, Atlantic Features, in almost perpetual motion with trips to Algeria, London, Strasbourg.

Bernard S. Redmont

HONOLULU

Brian Casey, assistant city editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, is the new president of the Honolulu Press Club

Author James Michener, at present making his home in Hulaland, addressed the Hawaii Newspaper Guild annual dinner.

Among those passing through this

crossroads of the Pacific was veteran AP foreign correspondent John Roderick da en route to AP's Tokyo bureau on trans- two Robert Tuckman fer from Paris.

PETITIONS BY FEB. 17

Members intending to file petitions as candidates for any 1959-60 OPC has office must hand their petitions to the Secretary of the Club by Feb. 17, of add mail them so as to be postmarked not later than the 17th and be delivered in time for announcement in the Feb. 21 Overseas Press Bulletin. Petitions re. ing quire signatures of at least forty active members in good standing.

ST. JOHN GUEST OF OPC

Foreign correspondent Robert St. whose book Ben-Gurion was we published by Doubleday, was guest of of honor at an OPC Open House on Jan.

In fact and anecdote, St. John, who con recently returned from Israel, gave his audience a vivid and penetrating portrait adof David Ben-Gurion, "the extraordinary man," the Prime Minister of the CO Jewish homeland.

St. John also paid tribute to Mrs. Ben-Gurion, Paula, "whose devotion," fiv as he observes in the dedication of the ver book, "made it possible for him (Ben- at Gurion) to become the great man she on al ways knew he was."

The occasion, organized by the Open House and Hospitality Committees, was also a reception for new OPC mem- new bers and their sponsors.

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Waugh To Address Club

Samuel C. Waugh, President of the Export-Import Bank, will be the guest an at an OPC luncheon on Feb. 19. The ck date coincides with the octave of the as-twenty-fifth anniversary of this pioneer institution in the field of development lending, whose current operations cover \$10,000,000,000 in loans.

waugh, who has been a bankerfor most of his adult life, has traveled more than 200,000 miles since taking over his present post three years ago. He has visited of the scene mos t of the

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Bank's projects and is prepared to answer questions about conditions in many of the countries labelled "underdeveloped."

His talk will cover the role of the Export-Import Bank in relation to the contemporary global picture.

Early reservations, at OPC, are ait advised.

ne COLLEAGUES TO GATHER FOR ACKERMAN NIGHT

When Carl W. Ackerman, for twenty-" five years dean of the Columbia Unihe versity journalism school, is honored en at the OPC's "Dean Ackerman Night" he on Feb. 24, a group of his one-time close associates will gather for the evening.

They include Dr. George Gallup, he es, founder of the Gallup Poll; Elmo Roper, m- newspaper columnist and marketing expert; Burnet Hershey, OPC Past President, and Lloyd Stratton, Secretary of

Ackerman was the first journalism graduate to become a foreign correspondent. He received his degree from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1913

On the Committee planning the evening, headed by Ansel E. Talbert in cooperation with Al Perlmutter, Open House Committee chairman, is Marvin Stone, former INS Tokyo correspondent; Bill Brooks, former NBC executive and now chairman of Broadcast Editorial Reports, and Joe Peters, INS and AP correspondent in World War II. All are former students or faculty members of the school.

WRIGHT WITHDRAWS CANDIDACY

Ben Wright, nominated by the OPC Nominating Committee for the Club's 1959-60 Board of Governors, has withdrawn because of "increased professional responsibilities."

OPC Puerto Rico Tour Planned For Mid-April

A trip to Puerto Rico in mid-April, with a side visit to the Virgin Islands, has been arranged by the OPC External Activities Committee, according to Chairman Joe Peters.

The trip will start from New York by plane on Sat., Apr. 11 and end with a return on Sun., Apr. 19. Don Short has arranged events with the help of government and private organizations. Included are a cocktail reception at the San Juan airport upon arrival, official and unofficial functions and a day at the race

Recreation and Work

There also will be golfing, swimming, and other recreation. Participants who want to work will be assisted in getting their stories. Rooms will be reserved at the San Juan, Caribe Hilton, La Concha, Candado Beach and Dorado Hotels.

The cost of the tour is \$230 per person (member and one guest). Because some items allowed in the price will be given the tour without charge, the Committee expects to be able to make a refund of more than \$30 to each member after the tour. Each member can bring additional guests at the cost of \$250

Virgin Islands for a Day

Lee Karwick has arranged a trip to the Virgin Islands leaving San Juan on Sat., Apr. 18 and returning the following day to catch the OPC plane to New York. The trip is optional and will cost an additional \$30 per person.

Pan American Airways is handling the reservations, bookkeeping and prorata refunds.

Each OPC member will receive by mail in a few days a reservation blank and further information on the tour. Those wishing to go are urged to return the completed blank as soon as possible. Please do not call the OPC for reserva-

SEND NAMES FOR DINNER

Will members please send to the Dinner Committee the names and addresses of friends to whom they wish sent invitations to the OPC Awards Dinner and Dance.

For information concerning reservations for the Dinner, to be held on Mar. 28 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, please telephone ORegon 9-8344 or ORegon 9-8345. To avoid errors, reservations must be made in writing (or on reservation cards), accompanied by check.

NAMED TO DATELINE

Chester Morrison, department editor of Look magazine, has been added to the OPC Dateline 1959 Magazine editing staff, it was announced by Art Milton, co-chairman.

Morrison, who has had more than twenty-five years in magazines, newspapers, radio and TV, will pinch hit for Bill Attwood, foreign editor of Look magazine who is leaving for India on a month's assignment.

Dateline 1959's theme will center "Press Clubs Around the World" with articles from Paris, Berlin, Rome, Hongkong, Tokyo, and other cities. A feature by Morrison on Shepheard's Bar in Cairo entitled "The Best Press Club That Ever Was," a fanciful piece on the "First Press Club on the Moon" by Ansel Talbert and a "Report from Moscow" by Irving R. Levine will make this magazine "must" reading.

Of course featured in the book will be winners of the OPC's Annual Awards for work in 1958 and their awardswinning material. Other stories and cartoons complete the publication.

The members of the Committee, in addition to co-chairman Milton, Att wood and Morrison, are Al Hurlburt, art director; Ben Zwerling, production manager; Matthew Bassity, Lawton Carver, Bob Demme, Bernard Frazier, Kurt Lassen and Franz Weissblatt.

Co-chairman of the Committee is Dan Mich, editorial director of Look magazine.

WEST POINT TO BE HONORED

The West Point Night on Feb. 25 promises to be an outstanding OPC event.

The affair has been arranged in honor of the U.S.Military Academy, coinciding with the Academy's Annual Founder's Day.

The Academy will be represented by Gen. Garrison H. Davidson, the Superintendent; Brig.Gen. John L. Throckmorton, the Commandant of Cadets; Brig. Gen. Gerald A. Counts, dean of the Academic Board; Col. Charles J. Barrett, head of the department of Foreign Languages, Col. Seth F. Hudgins, department of Tactics; Col. Roderick Wetherhill, Deputy Chief of Staff; Lt. Col. Marvin Berenzweig, 1st Battle Group; Lt. Col. Joel B. Stephens, Information Officer, Capt. Philip A. Farris, Ass't. Information Officer; and Capt. Robert G. Gard, department of Social Sciences.

The reception will be at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to make their reservations (\$4.00 per person) at once. One guest only to each member.

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FINKELSTEIN HONORED

Jerry Finkelstein, president of Tex McCrary, Inc., received the medal of a Knight in the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.

The award, made at the Italian Consulate, was for his "contribution to the strengthening of friendly relations between Italy and the U.S."

SCOTT TO CALIFORNIA

John Scott, Time magazine's special assistant to the publisher, is on a onemonth assignment as Regents' lecturer in Journalism at the University of California (Los Angeles).

ON GUIDING FACULTY

Rob Considine and Bennett Cerf have been named to the Guiding Faculty of the Famous Writers School, newly-formed affiliate of the Famous Artists Schools, Inc., of Westport, Conn.

DICK HUDSON MARRIED

Dick Hudson, managing editor of the Daily Journal, Caracas, Venezuela, was married in Caracas to Helen Lundstrom of New York.

GILMORE WRITING NOVEL

("Nat") Caine writes from London that AP London correspondent Eddy Gilmore is working on his first novel, Troika, which Putnam's will release about December 1959.

GRAVES PROMOTED

Ralph Graves has been named a senior editor of Life to head up the magazine's text department, effective Feb. 15.

Ted Ediger, AP, to Havana on assignment.

Virginia Prewett Mizelle's feature on Argentina's General Hector Solanas Pacheco, the man behind President appeared in the Jan. 29 Frondizi, Washington Post.

Walter Logan, UPI, vacationing in Nassau for two weeks.

NEWSWEEK SHIFTS

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Stockton worked for newspapers in the U.S., and spent six years in Army intelligence before joining Newsweek as Bonn chief in 1957.

Webb joined British UP in Berlin in 1948, and covered the Korean war, the Persian oil crisis and the Mau Mau crisis in Kenya. He joined UPI in 1953 as a roving correspondent based in Berlin, and covered major events throughout the world, including the Algiers "revolution," and the U.S. landing in Lebanon.

TREASURERS REPORT

OPC operations for the month of Dec. 1958 resulted in a net profit of \$2,679.62 in contrast to a net loss of \$1,011.46 for Dec. 1957.

The Club had cash reserves of \$84,250.08 as of Dec. 31, 1958 of which \$32.146.79 was in checking accounts and \$50,528.29 was in saving banks. This was after the payment on the new property had been made.

The members' equity stood \$98,241.16 at the end of the year.

For the first nine months of the Club year, a net income of \$4,594.90 was achieved, compared to a net loss of \$11,988.75 for the first nine months of the preceding Club year.

It is important to observe that the Club has now undertaken new commitments to pay 6% interest on the \$40,000 supplied by the Fund in purchasing the building next door, and it will also be obligated to meet mortgage payments and interest on the \$75,000 mortgage on the property purchased at 33 E. 39th St., so that the net income picture may change somewhat in ensuing months. However, it is fully expected that a net profit will still be shown for the full Club year.

Respectfully submitted, John Wilhelm

PEOPLE & PLACES

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can Food Institute, Inc...Lin Root to Baylor University (Texas) for Pharma-Conference...Angier ceutical-Medical Biddle Duke represented MEDICO (Medical Int'l. Cooperation), a division of Int'l. Rescue Committee (Duke is President), at opening ceremonies on Feb. 6 of the Haiti Psychiatric Center in Portau-Prince...Frank Buchner appointed associate director of PR and Publicity at J.M.Mathes, Inc.... Father Albert J. Nevins' Maryknoll magazine won the 1959 Nat'l. Brotherhood Media Award announced by the Media Awards Committee of the Commission on Mass Communications, Nat'l. Conference of Christians and Jews.

Richard M. Barr featured speaker at Feb. meeting of Rutgers University Chapter, Society for Advancement of Management; subject: "Space Age Impact on Executives'... Frank G. Handy, publisher of Ypsilanti (Michigan) Daily Press, named vice president of Michigan League of Home Dailies.

A.E. Kessler signed up Charles Richman to aid in teaching Long Island University public relations course... Barry Bishop, acting public affairs officer for U.S. Information Service in Buenos Aires, Argentina, back at post after accompanying Argentine President Frondizi on his U.S. tour.

Sentence Imposed

by Geraldine Fitch

Taipei

One of two Americans self-styled as "foreign correspondents" has been convicted by Nationalist China's highest court on dope-smuggling charges, while another has been freed for "lack of evidence."

Harry Pelziger, 32-year-old one-time U.S. Air Force officer who served as assistant PIO for the U.S. Taiwan Defense Command, received a twelveyear sentence, the minimum possible under Chinese law.

Lee Darragh, 26, also a former Air Force officer listed as a "foreign correspondent" on his passport, was freed by the three-judge panel.

Pelziger, who had returned to Tainei in April of 1958 after a six-month home leave, had listed himself as a representative of Copely News Service.

After his indictment on a charge of smuggling 425.9928 grams of heroin, the agency disclaimed any connection with

Darragh, in claiming newspaper affiliation, named no employer and filed no dispatches. He held a teaching position paying \$40 a month in American currency. He shared living quarters in Taipei with Pelziger and the latter's Chinese wife, Nancy.

A district court verdict had returned a fifteen-year sentence for Pelziger and a twelve-year imprisonment for Darragh.

Testimony against the convicted American was brought by a U.S. Treasury investigator named Hoffman, an American Embassy security officer named Helm, Lt. Col. J.L. Oakes as provost marshal of MAAG, and two postal clerks aboard the U.S.S. Okanagan.

Specific counts in the indictments against the two men charged that Pelziger had mailed the heroin from Hong Kong from the ship's APO, to a soldier in Taiwan who had asked Darragh to buy a watch for him in the British port.

Pelziger claimed that he had gone to Hong Kong via military aircraft to see movie men there about a film he hoped to produce. According to his testimony, he traveled as a correspondent for USTDC.

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